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## **An Act To Lower the Cost of State Government in the Departments under the Purview of the Joint Standing Committee on Natural Resources**

**Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

**Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §13105, sub-§2, ¶C**, as amended by PL 2005, c. 19, §2, is further amended to read:

C. The development of new commercial products and the fabrication of such products in the State through the Maine Technology Institute under section 15302 and the technology centers under section 15321; and

**Sec. 2. 5 MRSA §13105, sub-§2, ¶D**, as enacted by PL 2003, c. 673, Pt. M, §8, is amended to read:

D. Research opportunities that create sustained, interinstitutional, multidisciplinary efforts; and

**Sec. 3. 5 MRSA §13105, sub-§2, ¶E** is enacted to read:

E. The development of innovative approaches leading to environmental and economic sustainability, including:

(1) Energy efficiency and carbon reduction;

(2) Toxics and hazardous waste reduction;

(3) Developing environmental leader programs and encouraging technical assistance and mentoring with environmental leaders;

(4) Encouraging environmentally preferable purchasing;

(5) Piloting innovative environmental compliance outreach;

(6) Facilitating the implementation of environmental management systems through site visits and other assistance to ensure a good facility fit;

(7) Developing multimedia compliance models including outreach material, checklists for site visits and pollution prevention guidance and materials;

(8) Providing multimedia process energy and environmental mapping and other assistance as needed;

(9) Coordinating with various state media bureaus to incorporate developing regulatory policies, rules and legislation;

(10) Using compliance incentive policies to ensure compliance and pollution prevention assistance to small businesses; and

(11) Coordinating assistance efforts with other state agencies as needed.

**Sec. 4. Transfer of duties.** The Commissioner of Environmental Protection and the Commissioner of Economic and Community Development shall coordinate to ensure that the duties, functions and responsibilities of the Department of Environmental Protection, Office of Innovation and Assistance are transferred in a timely manner to the Department of Economic and Community Development, Office of Innovation. The Department of Economic and Community Development, Office of Innovation shall assume the duties, functions and responsibilities transferred to it in this Act within existing budgeted resources.

**Sec. 5. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and allocations are made.

**ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, DEPARTMENT OF**

**Remediation and Waste Management 0247**

Initiative: Eliminates 2 Environmental Specialist III positions, position number 083001822 and position number 083001903, effective October 1, 2009.

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2009-10</b>	<b>2010-11</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	(1,000)	(1,000)
Personal Services	(\$56,452)	(\$76,612)
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FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	(\$56,452)	(\$76,612)
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2009-10</b>	<b>2010-11</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	(1,000)	(1,000)
Personal Services	(\$53,758)	(\$72,817)
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OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	(\$53,758)	(\$72,817)

**Administration - Environmental Protection 0251**

Initiative: Eliminates one Environmental Specialist IV position, position number 083301188, and 2 Public Service Executive I positions, position number 083001818 and position number 083301443, effective October 1, 2009.

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2009-10</b>	<b>2010-11</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	(3,000)	(3,000)
Personal Services	(\$188,096)	(\$254,383)
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	(\$188,096)	(\$254,383)

**Maine Environmental Protection Fund 0421**

Initiative: Eliminates one Environmental Specialist IV position, position number 083001934, effective October 1, 2009.

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2009-10</b>	<b>2010-11</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	(1,000)	(1,000)
Personal Services	(\$68,743)	(\$93,377)
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	(\$68,743)	(\$93,377)

**Performance Partnership Grant 0851**

Initiative: Eliminates one Environmental Specialist III position, position number 083001810, effective October 1, 2009.

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2009-10</b>	<b>2010-11</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	(1,000)	(1,000)
Personal Services	(\$58,784)	(\$79,960)
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	(\$58,784)	(\$79,960)

<b>ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, DEPARTMENT OF DEPARTMENT TOTALS</b>	<b>2009-10</b>	<b>2010-11</b>
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	(\$115,236)	(\$156,572)
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	(\$310,597)	(\$420,577)

**DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS** (\$425,833) (\$577,149)

### **SUMMARY**

This bill eliminates the Department of Environmental Protection, Office of Innovation and Assistance and transfers the duties of that office to the Department of Economic and Community Development, Office of Innovation. This bill also eliminates funding for a total of 7 positions within the Department of Environmental Protection, 5 of which are associated with the Office of Innovation and Assistance and 2 whose duties include serving as legislative liaisons for the department.